

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

ABSTRACT

A plunger-less syringe and method of use ~~[[is]]~~ are disclosed~~[[,]]~~, ~~wherein~~ the syringe includes an outer housing ~~having a size of a standard 3cc syringe, and fixedly attached to the to the~~ interior of the outer housing is an interior receptacle for receiving a quantity of blood ~~potentially much less than the volume of the outer housing~~. The ~~novel~~ syringe has a vent ~~at one end~~ that allows air to escape from the receptacle as blood flows therein. ~~Blood can entirely fill the receptacle, fully displacing the air therein so that no unwanted air remains~~. The vent can include~~[[s]]~~ a filter for use in preventing blood from exiting the interior receptacle ~~at the vent~~. A vent cap is provided having a recess for mating with a syringe having a plunger ~~for providing an air flow path between the interior of the plunger-type syringe and the interior receptacle of the plunger-less syringe, wherein blood flow into the receptacle can be controlled~~. A plurality of the plunger-less syringes can be packaged in a container, wherein the blood pathway of the syringes is sterilized and ~~the integrity of sterilized product is maintained~~ without having any exterior sterile packaging.